WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Regu-
Preamble. lation, XI of 1096, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title and preamble put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move that the Bill may be finally taken up and passed tomorrow.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1 p. m. and reassembled at 2-15 p. m. with the Hon'ble the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Avl., B. A. & B. L.,) in the chair.

Resolutions (Contd.)

12. Introduction of Savings Bank system in the Anchal Department.

* **Mr. P. J. Alexander.**—"*This Council recommends to the Government that the Savings Bank Account system be started and worked by the Anchal Department*".

Mr. President, Sir, about the value of the Savings Bank system and its general usefulness, there can be no two opinions. With regard especially to the rural parts and the poor people it is to be regarded—provided it is started—as a welcome boon. It is a real practical aid to poor people who have to put aside small savings provided there is an agency to take care of it. Evidently it must turn to the ultimate advantage of the people in general. We find that there are banks where this savings bank system is worked, but those banks are mostly situated in towns and the people in the rural areas are not benefited by that. Again, there is the Post Office Savings Bank system which also is to be found only in towns. My object in moving this resolution is mainly to benefit the people of the rural areas in their endeavours to put by some small amounts they can succeed in finding, and therefore, I commend this resolution to the acceptance of the House. I am not afraid that this will provoke any sort of controversy whatsoever. Of course, Government may feel it necessary to make an investment of some additional rupees. But considering the importance and the usefulness of the matter, I think Government will not grudge to make that small outlay and therefore I commend this resolution to the acceptance of the House.

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—I second the resolution.

* മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— സർ, ഈ പ്രമേയം ഗവമ്മെൻറു വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി സ്വീകരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള ബോദ്ധ്യം എനിക്കുണ്ട്. എന്താണെന്നുവച്ചാൽ ഗവമ്മെൻറിനും ജനങ്ങൾക്കും പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു ഗവമ്മെൻറുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കും ഇതുകൊണ്ടു വളരെ ആദായമുണ്ടാകാനിടയുണ്ട്. പോസ്റ്റൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പോകുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ആദായം ഇതുകൊണ്ടു നമ്മുടെ കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തേക്കുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു യാതൊരുവിധത്തിലുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിനും ഇടയില്ലാത്തതായ ഈ സംഗതി ഗവമ്മെൻറു വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി സ്വീകരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള ബോദ്ധ്യം എനിക്കുണ്ട്. എന്തായാലും ചടങ്ങനുസരിച്ച് ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നുവെന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I am very sorry to disappoint the Hon'ble Member for North Ezhuvas. Government are prepared to accept the principle underlying. But they think that this is not the proper time to introduce the system at present. If the resolution is accepted we have to reorganise the whole Anchal Department (Hear, hear). That is to say, security has to be taken from the Anchal Masters and duly qualified men have to be appointed. This means more investment, and the benefit we are to get is not much. We may be able to pay the debtors between 2 and 3 per cent interest. I understand that there are several banks in the State that are prepared to receive the amount under the Savings Bank system. So, there is no real necessity at present. When times improve we will gladly accept this proposition.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Sir, in this connection, I would like to strike a different line altogether and I think it will be in the right direction if we abolish the Anchal Department altogether. I fail to see what purpose the Anchal Department is versing in the State. Anybody who wants a letter to reach a certain place generally prefers to put it in the Post Office. We have got Post Office branches all over the State, and I am sure that the Anchal Department can with great profit be abolished. I am sure, as Mr. Panickar said, that it will give a chance of creating a few posts. It will serve no useful purpose whatsoever and even if it does that purpose is well served by the Post Offices at present. I think that Government will come to the conclusion that the Anchal Office is a redundancy and abolish it in the near future.

* Speeches not corrected by the Hon'ble Members.

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Mr. P. J. Alexander.—I cannot quite see how the existence of banks where Savings Bank system is in vogue goes to supply the needs of the poor people, because these banks are mostly situated in towns and my purpose mostly, as explained previously, is to benefit the people in the rural areas. There the only agency which can be got at by the people is the Anchal Department and if the Anchal Department is to be abolished, we cannot help it. But I am glad that Government accepted the principle and I hope that a time may come not far away when the principle will be worked by Government. With these words, I beg the leave of the House to withdraw my Resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

13. Bifurcation of the Departments of Public Health and Village Panchayats.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—"*This Council recommends to the Government that they may be pleased to separate the two Departments of Public Health and Village Panchayats and place them under two different independent Department Heads*".

Sir, being given to understand that the present amalgamation is only an experimental measure for one year and that the period is not yet over and being confident that the grounds for separation will be more numerous and patent as the period of probation comes to a close, I do not wish to press this resolution at this juncture. I, therefore, beg leave of the House to withdraw the same intending to move it on a future occasion.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

14. Institution of a Public Service Commission in the State.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—"*This council recommends to the Government that a Public Service Commission be constituted in the State for the recruitment of officers for the Public Services in order to give adequate representation to all the communities in the State*".

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